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#### EVERYTHING HELPS IT.

From Watson's Magazine.

In the recent elections the Socialists made tremendous gains in the cities. No wonder. Our present system of government is so infernally bad that discontent is bound to find expression. The conduct of our federal judges makes Socialists. The conduct of our millionaires makes Socialists. The kind of legislation that congress has been giving us makes Socialists. The concentration of wealth and the cruel oppressiveness of the corporations makes Socialists. The taxation laid on Poverty makes Socialists. The utter neglect of suffering humanity by those in power makes Socialists. The grinding out of the lives of the children in sweat-shops and mills and mines makes Socialists. The insatiable greed and the pitiless tyranny of such unlawful combinations as the Steel Trust makes Socialists.

In vain will rich men conspire to put down Socialism. Unless they change the horrible class-legislation which breeds angry discontent, they will fight in vain against the ripening of the fruit of their own toil.

(Mr. Watson is not a Socialist—yet he can see the coming of Socialism. The plumes never have and never will mend their ways. Hence, Socialism.)—Editor.

#### SOMETHING DOING.

Despite the bitter fight made against the Socialists of Los Angeles last week by the money lords, and despite the barrels of money used by the said lords to corrupt the voters, the Socialists rolled up a vote of over 50,000 against 10,000 in the same city only a year ago.

The millions of loyal men and women marching under the red banner of universal brotherhood, are gaining victories and defeating the hordes of capitalism all over the civilized world. What the workers are doing in other places we can do in Scott county if we will only try—if we become bad weather Socialists and cease to be sun-shines.

And one of the best ways to do something for the cause is to get subscriptions for Socialist papers. Not necessarily the Kicker, but since the Kicker has a hard fight on its hands to exist, every Socialist or friend of the working man's cause ought to help a little.

For this month the mark was set at 200 subs—and we must get them. As this is being written the month is one-third gone and we have not the one-third of 200.

Drive the list up during the next week. Let the Kicker enjoy a bright Christmas because of the activity of its friends. Few hustlers reported this week. A. A. Evans, of Morley, landed two; B. B. Lundy, of Chaffee, one; while John Roth, of Ilmo, saved the day with seven. Following are the victims since last issue:

Ilmo.—John Roth, L. M. Williams, David Held, Casper Roth, Blodgett—Harrison Halstead, Morley.—John Little, Sikeston.—J. H. Wilkins, Commerce.—John Chandler, Robert George, Chaffee.—W. M. Akin, Wendoline Kilhaffner, August Sander, Oran.—John Morrie, J. E. Devoy, Louis J. Legrand, Chas. Schott, S. H. Hampton, New Hamburg.—Henry Miederhoff, Leo Westrich, John Wilhelm, Bleda.—Louis Dohogne, Plus Halter, Frank Hendrix, Crete, Ill.—Wm. Brands, Wm. Brands, Rev. Grunne, Elk Creek, Neb., Henry Brupp, Beecher, Ill.; Henry Luecke, Goodnow, Ill.; E. F. Love, Hyman, Mo.

#### COUNTY COURT DOINGS.

County court met Tuesday to talk new court house and other matters. The county construction company refused to go on with the building of the court house unless the pay was in sight. Accordingly the architect was ordered to change the plans so that the cost will not exceed the amount of money on hand Feb. 12, 1912. By this time the winter's tax collections will about all be in, and it is evident that its intended to dump the whole into a court house fund. This plan may not suit the people who paid in the money to the tax collector, but since a majority of them voted for it, they should not kick.

J. B. Gosie, overseer, allowed \$81.35 for work on New Hamburg and Rockview road, on hill, P. M. Malcomb, for making fill at bridge at Northeast ditch, \$15. Scott Co., Printing Co., books for roadoverseers, \$38.40; notice of teacher's meeting, \$38.3. Chas. Bertrand, overseer, \$127.40 for hauling gravel for concrete bridge over Parrott branch.

T. W. Cleaver, freight, \$14.59. T. E. Sifton, blacksmithing, \$20. J. E. Warner, engineer drainage district 6, \$124.25.

Anton Legrand, work on jail, \$16.40. Scott County Abstract Co., insurance on poor farm buildings, \$165.07.

Assessments of H. E. Miller on lots 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

Petition of Jas. Marshall et al. for public road, road opened.

Petition of T. E. Tomlinson et al. continued.

Special term of court ordered for Friday, Dec. 22, to pass on saloon petitions of J. W. Welter, J. M. Jackson and Lon Nall, all of Sikeston; J. V. Bandy and J. W. Boyd, of Chaffee—expense to be paid by petitioners.

Court adjourned to Jan. 24.

The man who owns the machine you work with, owns you.

#### HERE AND YONDER

It was fortunate for the people of Cross Plains school district that the weather was very unpleasant Saturday evening. In spite of the drizzling rain the crowd that attended the entertainment was so large that standing room was at a premium. Music was furnished by little Horace Caraker on his violin with Miss Grace Caraker accompanying on the organ, and the play was quite interesting and lasted until 10:30, when the sale for the boxes began. The total receipts from this source were \$14.50, while no admission was charged to the entertainment. The expense of stage, curtains, etc., cut the net down to \$7. Everybody had a good time and teachers, Misses Ruby Morton and Rosa Kirkpatrick, as well as the pupils, deserves commendation for their splendid success. Some consideration is also due Uncle Jerry Minter, who took an active part in the "make ready."

Of the net receipts \$5 will be expended on treating the children Christmas, and \$2 of it was robbed up by Uncle Jerry and he could think of no better use to make of it than to contribute it to the Socialist literature fund to enlighten and educate the benighted natives elsewhere in the county.

Mrs. W. W. McBride and Archie Crawford drove up from Blodgett Monday. Archie called on the Kicker to exchange over coats with Geo. J. Arnold, advertised in the Kicker last week. They got acquainted at the dance at New Hamburg. The coat returned by Mr. Arnold cost \$24, Archie says, and belongs to W. W. McBride. When I offered him the \$5 reward Archie said, "No, I will not take it. That must be an honest man, and a man who has acted as white as he, I will not take his money."

Casper and John Roth, of Ilmo, were in Benton Friday. Casper had some printing for the local insurance society on which he was obtaining bids from the various print shops, while John made the Kicker happy by swelling the subscription list as follows: Wm. Brands and Wm. Brands, at Crete, Ill.; Henry Brupp, Beecher, Ill.; Henry Luecke, Goodnow, Ill.; Rev. Grunne, Elk Creek, Neb.; David Held, Ilmo, and himself.

To prove to you that the supporters of capitalism are class-conscious, it is only necessary to say that on the Kicker's subscription list there is not a banker nor extensive land-owner, and but one of their ministers, one saloon-keeper, one lawyer and one county official. The Kicker has a remarkably clean list.

Robert George, of near Macedonia, was in Benton Monday and reported the death of Theo. Pfefferkorn. Mr. Pfefferkorn got into a hay-baler about three weeks ago. First fingers were amputated, then the arm, but blood poisoning set in and he died Saturday. The burial was at Kelso Sunday.

With apologies to my readers for wasting the space, the Kicker gives the presidents message to congress on another page because it is customary. I don't believe anybody will read it, and if they do, they won't be any the wiser—for it is the same old dope about the trusts.

Leo Westrich, of New Hamburg the horse and Jack man, was in Benton Monday. Leo is particularly proud of his animals and his patrons seem pleased with their colts.

Louis Dohogne and son Theodore and Wendoline Kilhaffner, of near Chaffee, were in Benton Friday. Louis said that his brother, Joseph and son John, were here from Oklahoma to visit him and would return this week.

Leo Gosie, of New Hamburg, was here Friday and reported the loss, by fire, of H. E. Moore's residence near Price's Landing last week. The property was insured by the home company for \$900.

A. A. Evans, of Mullins Island, was here last week and reported his son, Monroe, suffering from a very sore leg. Monroe fell from a barn loft and skinned his leg considerably.

Harrison Halstead, of Blodgett Louis J. Legrand, of New Hamburg, and Charles Schott, of Oran were Kicker visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Welter, of near Blodgett, attended church in Benton Friday—it being a holiday among the Catholics.

Linson Dabbs and Dave Mize, of Mullins Island, were here Saturday. Linson says he has the Arkansas fever.

A. E. Curnell has moved from Morley to Butler county, where he will have charge of the county poor farm.

Charles Burger, of near Bleda, was here Friday. He is afflicted considerably with boils.

John Stike and Charles Diebold of New Hamburg were in Benton Wednesday.

Grandma Dillon is reported to be quite sick.

Mrs. B. Martin is sick. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendrix of near Bleda were Benton visitors Saturday.

J. T. Huey, of White Oak, came up to pay taxes Saturday. John Chandler of the river bottom, was here Friday.

J. E. Davenport, of Oran, was here Saturday.

Henry Meiderhoff and Barney Schumer of New Hamburg, were here Monday.

S. H. Hampton and Will Lee of Oran were here Wednesday. J. H. Brannan of Vanduser was in Benton Monday.

Get your 1912 Kicker Calendar.

#### THE SHELL GAME.

Fifteen years ago the shell-game operator followed the circus and the fairs. To the observer it appeared fair and victims were plentiful.

The game is played with two halves of English walnut hulls and a little rubber ball. The operator carelessly rolls the ball under one shell and then the other. Then he stops and offers to bet you any amount you can't guess under which of the two shells the ball is under.

Ordinarily this would be an even bet—even if you had your eyes shut. But you SAW it roll under the shell in his right hand—and you put up your money.

He raises the shell and the little ball is not there!

You lose. Instead of the ball stopping under the shell it passed on and he has it between his fingers.

While you are wondering how it happened he pushes the other shell forward and at the same time releases the ball to make it appear that it was under the other shell. You feel that your eyes deceived you, and you try again—with the same result. If you are a "dead game sport" you go broke. But when the game was exposed it had to go out of business.

There is another game in which the average man has about the same chance of winning as in that shell game. It is played with stocks, bonds, notes, title deeds, courts and the army. The game is called big business. It is being thoroughly exposed and within ten years will be as well understood as its side-partner—the shell game—and as unpopular.

#### FROM BLODGETT

Mrs. Myra Travelstead, of the hotel celebrated her 45th birthday Saturday with a party.

The ladies of the Home Mission gave a bazaar and oyster supper which brought them \$330.

James Scherer, Till Robertson, Lynn Lacy and Shelly Buckanan were at Cairo Saturday.

Joe Nolan and Clint Graham went to St. Louis Monday with two cars of stock.

Wm. Church of Charleston visited his sister, Mrs. Dell Sweeney, Sunday.

Almaretta Morgan of Kansas City visited Mrs. Dell Sweeney last week.

W. C. Duglas and family are moving into the house vacated by Mr. Reams.

H. Humphrey and John Spaulding of near Benton were here Monday.

Dr. Fred Ogelvie went to St. Louis Saturday, returning Monday.

Miss Crenshaw of Charleston visited at Dr. Roy Ogelvie's Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Peal is off for a ten days visit to Morley and Sikeston Harrison and John Halstead were at Benton Monday.

Mrs. O. L. Spencer visited at Marble Hill last week.

Ike Marshall and wife, spent Saturday at Sikeston.

Claude Holmes was here Monday.

J. H. Peters has moved to Malden.

Mrs. Tom Watkins is sick.

FROM VANDUSER.

Mrs. James Vandysky and son, Charles, have returned from a visit to Ilmo.

Miss Thelma Finley spent Sunday with home folks at Oran.

Mr. Cosing lost two fine horses last week from blind staggers.

Miss Vivian Lemley spent Saturday with Miss Ruth Harrison.

Will Treus has moved to our neighborhood. Welcome!

H. C. King sold 45 head of hogs last week.

Mrs. Todd was at Benton Saturday.

#### FROM LONE ROCK

Joe Dohogne and son John, of Miami, Okla., have been visiting friends and relatives here the past week. Mr. Dohogne returned home by way of St. Louis Saturday. John is talking of staying all winter in Missouri.

#### BACK TO COMPETITION.

By Rev. C. M. Weaver.

Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight; Restore competition and keep up the fight.

Twelve those who have millions and the rest who have none. Or the Socialist Party will capture the Bun.

Back to the hand-loom, the ox-cart and the hoe; Socialized tools are a menace, you know.

To all the best interests of profit and greed; And co-operation is what we don't need.

Call Doctors Bryan, LaFollette, and me; Let us prescribe more "regulate" tea.

And check the trust fever before it's too high; Or there'll be a trust funeral pulled off on the sly.

Fix for the workers and shoot with salt; If this will not stop their continued revolt.

Try lead and gun-powder, and teach them to show Respect for our dollars or to jail them must go.

Pass the word softly (be sure of your man); About connections with some of Religion's main men;

For we must work slyly, our efforts to lend In annihilating this Socialist den.

#### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Matthias Schlosser, one of our oldest settlers, died Tuesday of last week, aged 80 years. He was buried here Thursday and there was a large attendance at the funeral.

Mrs. Martin Bisher and Mrs. George Claus were at Kelso Friday, and Willie Kern was at Benton Saturday.

Leo Schott, of near Oran, who was taken to St. Louis and operated on for kidney trouble is getting along nicely.

John Blattel, Henry Grojean and August Claus were over at Benton contributing to the new kott house fund Friday.

Joe Pfefferkorn and family attended the funeral of his cousin, Theo., at Kelso, Sunday.

Cassimer Martin, of Kelso, and Oswald Kapfer of Oran were here Friday.

Mrs. Peter Kilhaffner and son, Wendoline were at Benton Friday. Miss Annie Grasser, who has been staying at Kelso, is home.

Mike Binger and son, Arnold, were at Chaffee Saturday.

Charles Berger and family visited at Kelso last week.

Miss Mary Reichert spent Friday with Miss Ollie Diebold.

There was a turkey match at Gus Schlegel's Friday.

Mrs. George Eichorn has pneumonia.

FROM KELSEO.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Seyer visited Grandpa Logel Thursday, who is staying with his daughter, Mrs. John Enderle.

Fred. Lux, who broke his arm, is getting on nicely.

George Glueck, who fell and broke an arm while repairing his roof, is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enderle and baby and Mrs. John Enderle and daughters, the Misses Julia and Celestia, visited at Anceil Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hahn, of New Hamburg, attended church here Sunday.

We had 40 hours devotion last week.

Mrs. John Enderle and daughter-in-law, Dora, were at Commerce Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Calliot is very sick. Miss Nora Lux, of New Hamburg, is visiting her cousin, Miss Alvina Lux.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Fullenwider spent Saturday with his mother at Edna.

#### FROM MORLEY

Last week we unintentionally failed to report that Aunt Katie Curd celebrated her 75th birthday on Thanksgiving.

#### FROM FORTNELL.

F. Leonard, who was formerly a resident of this place, but who went to Seattle a year ago to accept a "job," is back here seeking employment. The labor unions of Seattle are on strike, and Mr. L. returned here expecting to find better conditions.

Wednesday afternoon Dr. W. O. Hartle was called to assist Dr. Rodemeyer and Blackledge in amputating the left arm of Theo. Pfefferkorn, but blood poisoning had already set in and he died on Saturday morning.

To the surprise of his neighbors Frank Hamm sold his household goods to J. H. Boardman. Then he and his wife left for St. Louis Saturday night.

Mrs. Moore, the aged mother of E. H. and O. J. Moore, of this place, died Wednesday of last week, and was buried here the following day.

Mrs. Leo Dumey died Sunday night of typhoid fever. Five of the children are down with the same illness.

Louis Dohogne purchased 180 acres of swamp land from W. H. and T. S. Heisserer. Consideration, \$4,800.

There was a party at Adolph Krieger's Sunday, given in honor of Mr. Krieger's birthday.

Herbert Colpe has opened up a first-class barber shop in Wells & Hamm's brick building.

Miss Freda Rodenstein has gone to Jackson to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. George S. Lee and sister, Miss Cosby, were at the Cape Saturday.

Wm. Krieger, of Duplo, Ill., is here visiting home folks.

Roscoe Steek of Benton was in Fortnell Monday.

Mrs. A. Baudendistel is sick.

#### FROM CHAFFEE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eichorn of near Oran were in Chaffee laying in winter supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Theon Grojean of New Hamburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grojean last week.

Wm. Pfefferkorn attended the funeral of his cousin, Theo. Pfefferkorn, at Kelso Sunday.

Frank Grojean has moved here from Arkansas and is clerking for Essner Bros.

Theodore Kieffer visited at Oran last week.

Otto Miller was at Oran Tuesday.

#### FROM RANDES.

Peter Bollinger and daughter, Miss Emma, and Mrs. Emil Bollinger were at Oran last week.

Leo Schlitt, Joe Glueck and Halter went Rabbit hunting Friday, but didn't get many.

Joe Kieffer of Oran was here last week.

Wheat looks fine since the rain.

#### FROM BUGG RIDGE.

John Thompson moved to the Lee Wellman farm Tuesday, and Mrs. Phillips has moved to Clark-ton.

Tom Blakeman will move to Clarkton soon, and Glenn Brewster will move to the Tomlinson farm.

After a three weeks visit here Elbert Tharp and wife returned to Kentucky Sunday.

Mrs. E. Carter, Perry and Myers were at Oran Monday.

There will be church here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Joan Rod is back from her visit to Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greer were at Oran Saturday.

Earl Gouds returned from Kentucky Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Sundayed at W. T. Wilson's.

Mrs. Nancy Wolf is the guest of H. B. Fargason.

Porter Wilson and little Ranold Perry are sick.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE

Commencing Monday, December 18 and Ending Saturday, December 23.

We will sell at reduced prices, a nice line of Xmas Candies—Nuts, Apples, Oranges and Bananas.

Mothers, prepare for the Holidays' cooking. Good Flour makes good Bread, good Cakes. Use Juanita, it is best.

GROCERIES:—35c Blank's Coffee at 30c, 10c Package of Corn Flake at 84c, 20c Can of Salmon at 174c, 20c Can of Lye Hominy at 174c, \$1.25 Keg of Sauerkraut at \$1.15. Potatoes, worth \$1.40 per bushel, at \$1.25 per bushel, 13 pounds of Granulated Sugar for \$1.

SHOES:—Star Brand Shoes are better. Men's Gum Boots: worth \$5 at \$4.75. Don't forget the name, don't forget the date, don't forget the place.

A. L. HAHN, New Hamburg, Mo.

## A. Q. MILLER

Will Lecture on Socialism at Chaffee

Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p. m.

## STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office of Workers' Printing Co. Benton, Mo. Dec. 3, 1911. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Workers' Printing Company for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it will be held at the office of the company at Benton, Mo. on the 1st day of January, 1912, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M.

C. M. Weaver, President. Attest: A. Q. Miller, Secretary.

## SOCIALIST LOCAL MEET.

Macedonia Local meets every second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. Gustav Hillemann, Secretary, Commerce, Mo.

Hooe—Third Sunday in each month. R. K. McClanahan, Sec. Morley P. O.

Edna.—2d and 4th Thursdays in each month. J. W. Jacob, Sec. Chaffee—Every Friday night.

B. B. Lundy, Secretary. Secretaries of all locals will please send in meeting dates. Socialists believe in producing for use, not for profit.

## PUBLIC SALE.

Saturday, December 16. On the Anderson farm, about one fourth mile south of Redman's Switch, I will sell three mares, two with foal; a year-old filley; a spring colt; two work mules; two horses coming three years old; a Jack known as the Dr. Wade Jack; a 4-year-old Stallion, Coco, a good saddle and driver; a 14 disc Superior wheat drill, two John Deere cultivators; a P & O Sulky plow; two 2-horse plows; stak cutter, hay-rake, a 3-horse Weber wagon; a Banner top buggy; an open buggy; a cart; two sets of plow gears; a set of harness; 300 bushels of corn; 2000 bales of pea hay and many other articles.

Terms.—Five dollars and under cash; over \$5 a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving 7 per cent note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. 2 per cent discount for cash on all sums over \$5. W. L. SIMMONS.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. Wood, of the firm of Drs. Wood & Hautman, of 1702, Market Street, St. Louis, Mo., will be at

Commerce, December 11-12-13, Benton, December 14-15-16, Morley, December 18-19-20,

Prepared to do all Dental work in the most painless and skillful manner possible and, to introduce his work, will, for this time only, make his regular

\$75 Set of Gold Teeth for \$50. \$8 Bridge Work for \$60. \$50 Set of Silver Teeth for \$35. \$6 Bridge Work for \$55. \$30 Set of Aluminum Teeth, \$20. \$5 Bridge Work for \$45. \$20 Set of Zirconite Teeth for \$15. \$8 Gold Crowns for \$6. \$15 Set of Teeth for \$10. \$6 Gold Crowns for \$5. \$10 Ser of Teeth for \$8. \$5 Gold Crowns for \$4. \$8 Set of Teeth for \$5. \$5 6 Porcelain Crowns for \$5.

And all other dental work at correspondingly low prices. You need dental work, and now is your opportunity to have it done by one of the best and most skillful men known to the profession. No waits or delays. Dr. Wood carries complete outfits for plate, crown and bridge work, also electric engine and gas outfit.

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